

Claims 6 and 10, all the claims present in this application, were rejected on the ground of obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 11 and 21 of U.S. Patent 5,663,764. This is the only rejection in the instant application.


A Terminal Disclaimer was filed in the present application on January 21, 2004, disclaiming the term of the patent that would issue from the present application that would extend beyond the term of U.S. Patent 5,663,764. However, because of a clerical error, the disclaimer fee that was submitted with that Terminal Disclaimer was applied to application serial no. 09/776,025, the parent of the present application, even though the Terminal Disclaimer itself stated that it was filed in the "Continuation of Serial No. 09/776,025." Applicant's representative understands that the Office will not apply that misdirected fee to the present application. Rather, a refund of that misdirected fee must be requested.

To overcome the double patenting rejection set out in the Office Action of June 12, 2006, applicant submits herewith another Terminal Disclaimer together with the disclaimer fee and the usual Statement under 37 CFR 3.73 (b). Accordingly, it is submitted that this application now is in condition for allowance. The issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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